LOCAL MENTION. AMUSEMENTS TOXIGHT.

Academy of Music.-The Rays in "A Business Houses to Close Tomorrow, Post Bijou Theater. - High-class Vaudeville and Burlesque.

Columbia Theater.-"The Passion Play." Grand Opera House .- "McCarthy's Mis-Kernan's Lyceum Theater.-Sam Devere's

Lafayette Square Opera House.-"Cum-berland, '61." New National Theater.-"What Happened to Jones."

Willard Hall .- The Biograph. EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Samuel J. Pentz for Glymon and intermediate landings at 9:30 a.m. Steamer Newport News for Norfolk and Fortress Monroe at 7 p.m. Steamer Wakefield for Colonial Beach and

river landings at 7 a.m. Trains leave 131/2 street and Pennsylvania avenue for Arlington hourly from 8 a.m. to Trains leave 131/2 street and Pennsylvania

avenue for Mount Vernon at 6:30, 10:05, 11

a.m., 12:05, 2:05, 3, 4 and 4:15 p.m. Oil Heaters. Gas Heaters. 1204 G st. C. A. Muddiman & Co. 616 12th st VELATI'S WILL KEEP OPEN UNTIL LATE TONIGHT!
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liant light; made perfect. Muddiman & Co B. AND O. BULLETIN. EXCURSION RATES.

Every Tuesday personally conducted TOURIST SLEEPING CARS to the Pacific coast, via St. Louis Iron Mountain route and Southern Pacific, will leave Washington on the fast western express

rates for the holidays to Baltimore Pittsburg, Wheeling and Parkersburg De-cember 21, 25 and 31, 1897, and January 1 at ONE AND ONE-THIRD FARE valid for return until January 4, 1898. Special rates and limits for students. Apply city ticket offices.

EVERYTHING FOR XMAS DINNER. Come here for Turkeys, Game, Fruits and Vegetables. Palace Market, 1027 Conn. av. Canada Mutton, New York Roast Beef and Delmonico Steak. JOHN R. KELLY, 9th st. wing, Center mkt. Corned Beel a specialty.

For a good cup of coffee drink Kenny's Fine Dry Roasted Coffee. No equal at any price. Sugars at cost. Open evenings un-til Xmas; 7 city stores. C. D. Kenny.

FOR CHRISTMAS. Banquet Lamps, \$1.75 up; Banquet Globes, largest assortment; Night Lamps, 23c., 25c., 35c.; Pepper and Salts, 4c. set and 7c. set; Drop Lights, \$2.30, \$2.50, also 75c.; Andirous, \$2.50 per pair. 1204 G. C. A. Muddiman & Co. 616 12th

CITY AND DISTRICT. BUILDING OPERATIONS.

Monthly Report of Permits Issued to

In order to meet not only local inquiries but also inquiries from the different trades journals and others throughout the country, a monthly report will, after the first of the year, be made by the building inspector of all building permits issued during the preceding month by his office. These reports will be made as comprehensive as possible, and will show not only the number of the permits issued during each month, but also the number of the tuildings, their estimated cost and such other information in connection with them as will answer all inquiries.

In this connection Assistant Building In-spector Ashford stated today that the building permits issued during the present year are nearly 160 in excess of those is-sued during the corresponding period in 1896. Although he has not closely examin-ed into the matter, Mr. Ashford is inclined to believe that not only has a higher class of buildings been exceed during their of buildings been erected during 1897, but that their value exceeds those erected dur-

Holiday Excursion Rates via Chesa-

peake and Ohio Ry.

The C. and O. will sell holiday excursion tickets to all points east of Huntington, W. Va., at greatly reduced rates on December 22, 25, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, good returning until January 4. Inquire at ticket offices, 513 and 1421 Penna. ave., and B. and P. station .- Advt.

Orders for Public Work.

The District Commissioners have ordered that the roadway of D street northeast between 10th and 12th streets be graded by the chain gang; estimated cost, \$100. chargeable to appropriation for grading streets, alleys and roads.

That catch basin be constructed at the in-

tersection of Kenesaw avenue and 16th street; estimated cost, \$90. That permission be granted to close 25th

street northwest between E and F streets until June 15, on account of construction of sewer in said street. That catch basin be constructed at the

intersection of 5th and K streets southeast; estimated cost, \$100.

That 175 feet of six-inch water main be laid in Piney Branch road, as shown on plat 5 in engineer department; estimated

That 404 feet of six-inch water main be In at 404 feet of six-inen water main be laid in the south side of D street between South Capitol street and New Jersey avenue southeast; estimated cost, \$438.60, including twelve house connections.

Kindergarten Christmas Festival.

There was a two-days' celebration of Christmas at the Froebel Normal Institute, 1426 Q street, Wednesday, the friends and parents of the older pupils being in attendance, and yesterday the younger children received their friends, the Christmas tree being full of little gifts, which the pupils had made for their loved ones. One of the most pleasing motion plays performed each day by different classes was the song of the "Wheel of the Year," each song of the "Wheel of the Year," each child representing a calendar month, and the most pleasing feature was the interest each participant manifested in the contribution of the contribut butions to the "poor box," sent to those less fortunate than themselves. Miss Pollock was recipient of many tokens of the chil-dren's affections.

Burke May Recover.

James Burke, the discharged soldier, who was found at the house of Mr. Bowling on Pomeroy street yesterday, with his throat cut, is still at Freedman's Hospital. The physicians attending him think he will re-

Musical Entertainment.

Staff-Captain Noble, assisted by Captains Fanning and Wills and Lieutenants Adams and Shipley, will conduct a musical entertainment at the army hall, 930 Pennsyl-vania avenue, Saturday evening.

Next to Home. Christmas dinner at La Fetra's, 25c.; to 7:30 p.m. 11th and G sts.-Advt.

Last Rites Performed. Funeral services over the remains of the late Judge Westel Willoughby were held yesterday afternoon at the late residence, 1505 12th street northwest. Rev. Wallace Radeliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, officiated, and the interment was at Arlington. The pallbear-ers were Maj. O. E. Hine, Mr. John J. Shipman, Mr. James A. Macauley, Mr. N. A. Robbins, Mr. S. L. Crissey and Mr. Job Barnard.

AFFAIRS IN ALEXANDRIA

Office to Observe Sunday Hours,

Preparations for Distribution of Supplies to Deserving Poor-Mystic Shriners-Notes.

Evening Star Bureau, 529 King Street, Bell Telephone 106,

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 24, 1897. In accordance with the usual custom most of the business houses will be closed tomorrow, including the banks, and the post office will observe Sunday hours. The market will be closed all day.

The shops will remain open until a late hour tonight in order to enable Christmas shoppers an opportunity to conclude their purchases. Merchants report the day as having been a very busy one, and that they have made large sales. The market has been thronged with people all day, making ready for the Christmas dinner.

Cold Electric Cars.

Much complaint was made by passengers today of the exceedingly cold temperature of the electric cars between Alexandria and Washington. Those who use the line are of the opinion that stoves should be placed in the cars, inasmuch as the electric heaters are found to be inadequate.

A Pound, a Penny and a Potato. The members of Trinity M. E. Church Epworth League held a pound party last right. Each one attending carried a pound, a penny and a potate, and quite a large lot of supplies were received. They will be distributed among the poor by the mercy and nelp department. Supplies will be re-ceived again temorrow morning. The rol-

lowing program was rendered last night Instrumental duet, Misses Williams; reci-tation, Miss Rebecca Pollard; instrumental Messrs. Starnell and Chase; vocal solo, Miss Edyth Graham; trio, Misses Stu-art, Rotchford and Pollard. All of the numbers of the program were rendered in most creditable manner. Mystic Shriners.

Many of the Mystic Shriners of this city have gone to Richmond to attend the Christmas celebration of the nobles of Acca Temple which is to take place tonight. An order has been published summoning all the nobles to call today at the office of Potentate Frank Cunningham, in Richmond, to make a contribution to the fund which is yearly raised to dispense a kindly and generous charity among the poor, the

German Club Entertains. The Alexandria German Club gave the

sick and the indigent.

second of its series of delightful germans at McBurney's Hall last night. There were about fifty couples and thirty stags. Dr. Louis S Greere led the figures with Miss Wendling of Wasnington. Lost Horse and Buggy.

Dr. P. S. Reidell of Washington reported

to the police last night that he had lost a valuable horse and buggy. The horse, he said, broke away from a boy who was taking it to Washington.

The Crittenton Mission. The Crittenton mission at Trinity M. E. Church is increasing in interest. The discourse last night, from Luke xii: 44, "And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly," was exceedingly earnest and sol-emn. Mr. Crittenton will be in this city

Distribution of Donations.

At the meeting of the Alexandria Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, last night a large quantity of supplies were received and will be distributed among the widows and deserving families of members of the order.

Brevities. The river was frozen entirely across the flats to the channel bank this morning. the streets at an early hour morning.

Mrs. Mary J. Entwisle died at her home on South Fairfax street yesterday after-State Senator Mushbach and Delegate Bailey are in the city for Christmas. Mr. J. H. Price, who has been quite well, is much better.

Mr. Wiliam Warder is seriously ill at his home on Gibbon street.

Services will be held at St. Mary's Church tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock

DIE ON THE STREETS.

Two Colored Men Whose Deaths Were Hastened by Cold.

Two colored men, whose deaths were probably hastened by the cold weather, iled on the streets since yesterday. One of them was Louis Brown, an elderly resident of Burrville, and the other was Luke Smith. who lived in Frey's court.

Brown, who was about sixty years old and had worked about the Center Market for a long time, was taken sick when he entered Kennedy's saloon near 9th and B streets to get out of the cold. He was attacked with a fit of coughing and was taken outside, friends thinking the cold air would revive him. The Emergency Hospital ambulance was sent for, but when it arrived the doctor in charge found that the man was dead. His body was removed to the morgue and his relatives were notified Luke Smith was found lying in the gutter near Oak and Center streets, Mount Pleasant, about 7:15 o'clock this morning, by Policeman Murphy. The man was uncon-scious and was unable to speak. It was the policeman's first belief that the man had been out there all night and had been al-most frozen, but the finding of his dinner wrapped in paper convinced him that he was on his way to work when he was

stricken. The police patrol wagon was sent for and the unconscious man was taken to Garfield Hospital. He died just as the wagon reached the hospital entrance, and the body was taken to the morgue.

Coroner Carr viewed the bodies today and was satisfied that both deaths resulted from natural causes.

A BOLD ROBBERY.

Two Negroes Relieve a Lady of Her Pocket Book.

Mrs. Kate Schlosser, who lives at No. 1723 8th street northwest, while on her way home Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock, was attacked by two colored men, who robbed her of \$35 and some car tickets. Sne reported the affair to the police last night. The colored men, she reported, came from an alley on R street between 7th and 8th streets, and demanded her money. She denied to them that she had any money, but they searched her and took her pocket book. Mrs. Schlosser gave the police descriptions of the men. One of them, she says, had his trousers stuffed in his books.

Costly Pair of Rabbits.

Monday Mrs. Jane Waters of 721 12th street northwest bought two rabbits from Charles Thomas, a colored huckster, and agreed to pay him 50 cents therefor. Mrs. Waters gave the man a \$5 note, out of which to take his pay, and he drove off with the note. Thomas was arrested yesterday, and today he pleaded guilty. Judge Kimball sentenced the accused to thirty days in fall and to make restitution to Mrs. Waters, and failing to do so to be imprisoned for fifteen days additional. It is understood the prisoner is wanted on another charge, for which he will be arraigned as soon as the man who swore the warrant returns to the city,

What a Veteran Says in Regard to Its Publication.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: The periodical attack upon the clerks and the pensioners has begun in good carnest, and, although a number of clerks have taken up the pen in self-defense

through the columns of The Star, no one has had a word to say in defense of the pensioners. There are two sides to every question, therefore I beg a little space in the columns of The Star in order that the other side may be heard. Let me say, by way of introduction, that

thirty-five years ago, when the very life of the nation was imperiled and hung in a balance, the most solemn promises were made that if the loyal sons of the north would only come to the rescue a grateful nation would care liberally for them in case they were disabled, and for their widows and orphans if they were killed. In response to the urgent call for defenders there were 2,859,132 of the loyal sons of America who left their homes and enrolled themselves in the Union army. Of these 69,976 were killed in battle, 35,957 died of wounds and 182 4th died of divergence. died of wounds and 183,464 died of disease making a total of 280,397 deaths in all. Besides these, 224,306 were discharged for disability. The great majority of this vast army were young farmers, mechanics, business men, students, and, in fact, there was no occupation, trade or profession that was not represented in the Union

Many, in fact a great majority, of these men, or "boys" rather, were earning good wages, supporting themselves and families, if they had them, in comfort and laying plans for future years of prosperity. They left all this, and because they loved their country they entered its service as its sworn defenders and received the magniticent sum of \$13 per month, which was the amount paid to soldiers during the first part of the war. This was afterward inreased to \$16 by act of Congress, but by that time our currency had become so depreciated that a dollar greenback was worth only 50 cents. The struggle lasted four years, during which time our armies marched and countermarched, advanced and retreated, fought on many a bloody battlefield, and such exhibitions of heroism self-denial and fortitude the world has never seen.

No pen has ever pictured the half of the sufferings, privations and toils which our brave boys cheerfully endured to the end that the old starry banner might float over every part of our united country, and when the hour of the nation's triumph millions of loyal hearts united with the brave boys in blue in songs of rejoicing for the final victory, and a grateful nation undertook to do what it could to redeem its promise to care for him who had borne the burden of the great struggle, his widow and orphan.

But, presto—change. After the lapse of a generation there arose a king (Grover) who knew not Joseph, or at least had no sympathy with him, and from the portals of the White House there comes the start-ling cry of "fraud! fraud!" and straightway the machinery of government was put in motion to purge the pension rolls of its thousands of fraudulent pensioners. For the year 1896 the report of the law division shows that there were 242 recommendations for prosecutions; that there were 167 convictions and 169 sentences imposed, the great majority of those convicted being claim agents or attorneys. And now it is alleged that after a lapse of thirty-two years from the close of the war there are 1,000,000 pensioners on the rolls that dead men are still drawing pensions that a great many are drawing pensions who are in good circumstances and don't need such help, and even so loyal and paneed such help, and even so loyal and patriotic a paper as The Star joins in the cry: "Let the pension list be published, so that the people will know who are defrauding the country." Well, I was aware that the cld soldiers are not dying off half as fast as many people desire, but I had no idea that they had vitality enough to draw pensions after they were dead. As to the number of pensioners on the rolls, there are ber of pensioners on the rolls, there are only a little over a third of the total en-istments, and then it must be remembered that this includes all classes-widows, of which there are about 450,000 on the rolls ependent mothers, fathers and pensioners

of the revolutionary war, the war of 1812 and the Mexican war, the sum total reaching up into the thousands. It must also be remembered that the average age cf our soldier boys in the late war was about 22 years, which would make The 3d Regiment Field Band will parade the average now of their ages about fifty-five years, and most of these were comsed of the best bone, blood and muscle of the country, representing true American vitality. It should also be remembered that no soldier is granted a pension until he is thoroughly examined by a board of sur-geons appointed by the commissioner of pensions, supposed to be men of highest professional skill and sworn to perform

their duty without fear or favor, and no claim is ever admitted where the board of surgeons reports adversely.
"But then there are so many drawing pensions who are able to live without them," is another cry that is raised, "and consequently the law is violated especial.

consequently the law is violated—especially the dependent act."

I need hardly say to any intelligent man in answer to this objection that the pension roll is not a roll of paupers or designed to be such, but a roll of honor, and there is no such a law as a dependent act, so far as soldiers are concerned, and there is no restriction in any pension law now in existence as to the amount of property a soldier has. He may be a millionaire and yet be lawfully entitled to a pension

under any act on the statute books. , The act of June 27, 1890, requires as a condition for pension on the part of widows and dependent parents that they be with-cut other means of support than their dally labor, but in its application to a soldie there is no such restriction.
"Well, publish the pension list, then, and

let the people know who are drawing pen-sicis, the amount they are drawing and for what disabilities."

About 1882 this same cry was raised and in order to satisfy public clamor it was done, the newspapers in every county pub-lished the list of pensioners and the amount of pension each was drawing, and since then the pension agent has marked the amount on the outside of the envelope con-taining the pension check, but the results were simply to give some gossipy, evil-dis-posed person in such neighborhood a chance to vent his enmity against some soldier by writing to the pension bureau challenging the soldier's right to a pension.

The only objection a great majority of soldiers would have to publishing the list as suggested by The Star, would be the knowledge that it was done by the government under the idea or assumption. ment under the idea or assumption that it was honeycombed with fraud, and the only effect it would have would be to increase the expenses of the government and give the newspapers a fat job, which, of course, would expect pay for the space occupied.

Finally let the good work go on till it carnot be said that a single one of all the carnot be said that a single one of all the gallant boys who saved our Union when it was assailed has failed to receive at the hands of this great, rich and prosperous hands of this great, rich and prosperous

HAWKINS-WILLIAMS NUPTIALS.

December 22, 1897.

nation the recompense which is justly his due?

VETERAN.

Former White House Conchman Weds a Treasury Clerk.

Albert Hawkins, the colored man who served as coachman for every President from Grant to Harrison, was married last night to Miss Isabella Elizabeth H. Williams, a clerk in the Treasury Department. The ceremony took place at the parsonage of the People's Congregational Church. Rev. J. H. Daily, D.D., officiating. The couple were afterward driven to the residence of the groom, 1920 New Hampshire avenue. An informal reception was held. The bride was attended by Misses Bertha The brige was attended by Misses Bertha Parker and Hester Rhone, while the groomsman was Mr. H. W. Chase. The bride was brought up in the family of Charles P. Webster, a solicitor of the patent office. Hawkins is well-known in Washington. He is about sixty years of age. He was the coachman who drove President Garfield to the depot the day he was shot by Guiteau. by Guiteau.

Sermon by Bishop Cranston. The Rev. Dr. Cranston, one of the bishops of the M. E. Church, who has been spending a few weeks in Baltimore, has been secured for the missionary anniversary of the Metropolitan Church, and will Horse Pell on Him.

George Dawson, colored, went out horse-back riding early this morning and when near 8th and I streets southeast the animal stepped on a piece of ice and fell. Dawson went beneath the horse and was so badly injured that the police removed him to Providence Hospital for treatment.

MISS KELLEHER RELEASED

Strong Plea for Leniency in Behalf of an Allegel Shoplifter.

Personal Bonds dor Her Annearance -The Woman Desies Charge, but Makes Sadahdmission.

Miss Annie Kelleber a former resident of South Carolina, who a almost sixty years of age, was today before Judge Kimball on the charge of shoplifting. Although satisfied, as he said, that the woman was guilty Judge Kimball, in response to an appea from Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Kelly of the Fourth Preshyterian Church released her on her personal bonds to appear for sentence if notified to do so. The specific charge against Miss Kelleher was that yesterday she stole a book worth

25 cents and two handkerchiefs, valued at 25 cents, from the Palais Royal. Mr. E. W Collins, manager for the store, testified that his attention was called to the actions of the woman at the handkerchief counter, and when two of those articles disappeared from the place where they had been placed, he had Miss Kelleher arrested and taken into his private office, where she was searched and the articles above mentioned were found in a satchel carried by her under her shawl. In the same receptacle there were found a book and a number of small articles. Which were said to have

were found a book and a number of small articles which were said to have come from Woodward & Lothrop's store.

Mr. Collins said Miss Kelleher expressed the intention of paying for the book taken at the Palais Royal, but had not been able to see any one to whom she could pay the money, although there were three or four salesgirls at the book counter. How she came to have the handkerchiefs she was unable to say.

Detected in the Act.

Mr. George E. Fowler stated that he and his sister were shopping yesterday afternoon at Woodward & Lothrop's. The attention of Miss Fowler, he said, was atracted by the strange actions of Miss Keleher, and they determined to watch her. Miss Kelleher did not, so far as he knew, take anything at Woodward & Lothrop's. The accused left that establishment and went to the Palais Royal, and Mr. Fowler and his sister followed her. They saw her take the handkerchiefs, which Mr. Fowler identified.

Upon taking the stand in her own defense Miss Kelleher said that she had no idea of stealing the book, but she admitted she could not account for her possession of the handkerchiefs.

of the handkerchiefs.

Rev. Dr. Kelly testified that he had known Miss Kelleher for four or five years, and had always found her to be a Christian woman of irreproachable character. Dr. Kelly further stated that Miss Kelleher, who was a school teacher in South Carolina, came to Washington several years ago, upon the invitation of her brother, a widower, for the purpose of looking after his home and little daughter, who was then between six and seven years old. The between six and seven years old. The brother was at that time employed in the government printing office, but some tim later lost his position and went to New York, leaving his daughter in the care of Miss Keileher.

The Struggle for Bread.

The brother has been heard from but once since his departure, Dr. Kelly said, and not at all for a long time. Miss Keleher has struggled hard to support her little niece with the aid of the needle and with having to contend with failing eyesight. Dr. Kelly said that Miss Kelleher was regarded by him and some of his members as a little eccentric, but he could not believe that she meant to steal.

Mr. E. H. Brockway also gave strong testimony in favor of Miss Kelleher, and, by permission of Judge Kimball, the accused woman again took the stand, and after declaring that she did not intend to steal any of the articles found upon her, said she would not care what became of her if it were not for her little niece. Judge Kimball talked very kindly to Miss Kelloher, and told her that he was satisfied the was guilty as charged, but would yield

to Dr. Kelly's request and grant her mercy.
He then took the action above stated. As Miss Kelleher left the court room, Lawyer Sillers, who had listened to the hearing, quietly slipped a bank note into her hand.

BEFORE MR. PUGH.

Hearing of Charges Against Policemen Today.

Considerable time was taken up in Judge Pugh's trial court today in listening to charges said to have been preferred by Mr. David S. Barry, the well-known correspondent (but which he repudiated), against Patrolmen Girard, Barbee and O'Brien of the eighth precinct, in which the officers were said to have visited Mr. Barry's house a few days ago and acted in an "insolent and unbecoming manner" against Mr. Barry and members of his

family. Incidentally, Lieut. Kenny of the eighth precinct was brought into the case and he Mr. Barry said that he could not imagine who could have preferred the charges egainst either the officers or the lieutenant. At one time during the hearing there was a pretty sharp passage of words between Mr. Barry and Lieut. Kenny. Mr. Barry made the assertion that the policemen named or the lieutenant had furnished the newspapers with the information which had been published regarding the affair. Lieut. Kenny warmly denied the charge.

The circumstances of the case were that about a week ago J. W. Peters, an old colored man, doing business on T street northwest, lost a pocket book containing \$65 in a stable, where Wilson Johnson, who is employed by Mr. Barry as a coachman.

was seen about the time that Peters lost his money. Peters complained to Lieut. Kenny about the loss, and acting on this Officers Girard and Barbee went to Mr. Barry's house and inquired for Johnson, at the same time informing Mr. Barry of the charge upon which Lohnson was wanted charge upon which Johnson was wanted. Just at that time one of the members of Mr. Barry's family wanted to go out rid-ing, and to do so it was necessary for the

ing, and to do so it was necessary for the coachman to go along.

The officers told Mr. Barry it was their duty to arrest Johnson, but that if he would produce the coachman at the station house at an hour named that would be satisfactory. Some little conversation followed, during which it was alleged the officers acted in the manner stated.

Mr. Barry at the close of the hearing again stated that he had brought no charge against any of the parties named, and Judge Pugh intimated that he looked upon the affair as of little importance.

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The hearing of the charges preferred by
John A Roston against Detective Lacey,
who alleges that Mr. Lacey has annoyed him in various ways, was postponed until

WANTED TO MARRY. This Couple Was Proo Young and Wan Meld.

Yesterday afternoons a youthful couple,

giving their names as Theodore and Belle Reeves, applied at the city hall for a marriage license, but an account of their youth it was impossible for it to be issued to them, and they were advised to try Alexandria, which they decided to do. They had hardly left the city hall when Detective Proctor of the central office called upon the license clerk and stated that he had a telegram signed Lulu Reeves, Manassas Va., stating that the parties were under age and asking that they be detained. But it was too late. The Alexandria police were requested to look out for them. This morning they applied to Clerk of the Corporation Court Beach in Alexandria for a license, but were informed that their youth prevented the issuance of the license, and they were detained until an officer arrived. The young man was taken to police head-quarters and the young lady was allowed to go to the residence of Mrs. George Robinson, No. 1307 Prince street, where she was stopping. Later in the day a telegram was received asking that the girl also be held, and she was therefore taken to police headquarters. It is thought that the parents of the young couple will arrive this afternoon, and they will be taken back to Manassas tonight. Va., stating that the parties were under

It matters little what it is that you want —whether a situation or a servant—a "want" ad. in The Star will reach the person who can fill your need.

HIS MIND UNBALANCED.

Mr. Wm. R. Truxton Suffering From Mental Derangement.

William R. Truxton was taken to a private asylum near Baltimore yesterday afternoon for treatment for mental derangement. Mr. Truxton lives at No. 1744 S street, and is a member of the firm of Orndorff & Truxton, dealers in agricultural implements, on 7th street. His mental disorder is such that he imagines himself a millionaire, and because of this hallucination and his peculiar actions his family and friends have become greatly concerned.

Believing, as he did, that he had millions he spent considerable money while in At-lantic City last summer, and bought many goods for which he had no use. After his return home he seemed to improve, but recently his condition became worse. cently called on Secretary Wilson of the Associated Charities and promised to donate \$2,000 to be given to the poor. Recently he called at Harris & Shafer's jewelry store and ordered about \$3,000 worth Mr. Truxton is not violent, and his friends

are confident that he will fully and speedily

The Short Story Club.

The Short Story Club held its holiday ses sion at the Lenman parlors Tuesday evening. A realistic story, "Why, Certainly," involving an absent-minded professor, young lady, a physician and "Topsy the Second," was dramatically read by Miss Louise F. Moran. A suggestion from the president, entitled

"Poetae Omnes Sunt," served to introduce the section devoted to original short poems. The readers and their contributions were as follows: Mrs. L. A. Crandall, "Gems;" Mrs. A. P. Clark, "The Victim of the Fair: Major F. I. Willis, "Prescience;" Mrs. F. R. Burket, "To a Bullet;" Mrs. Geo. E. Pickett, "Dreams;" Mrs. D. S. Vorrhis, "The Last Resting Place;" Mrs. Clifford Howard, "Metempsychosis;" Mr. S. H. Ag-Howard, "Metempsychosis;" Mr. S. H. Agnew, "A Rectiffer;" Mrs. M. L. Willis, "Dandelions;" Mrs. J. B. Lockwood, "Ballad of Bannockburn;" Miss M. L. Huddleand of Bannockourn;" Miss M. L. Huddleson, "The New Woman;" Mr. Clifford Howard, "The Circus;" Mr. S. K. Hall, "Sanctimonious Ike;" Mr. H. C. Kirk, "The kiver of Dreams;" Mrs. G. R. Burt, "Christmas in Fiji;" Mrs. E. F. Hort, "Contrasts;" Miss C. A. Metcalf, "The Door Bell."

Miss Gertrude Withington read the list of ten short poems considered by R. H. Stod-

ten short poems considered by R. H. Stoddard as among the best in the English lan-guage, including: "To Lucasta, on Going dard as among the best in the English lan-guage, including: "To Lucasta, on Going to the Wars," Richard Lovelace; "Death's Final Conquest," James Shirley; "How Sleep the Brave," William Collins; "Mary Morison," Robert Burns; "The Burial of Sir John Moore," Charles Wolfe; "Lines to an Indian Air," Percy Bysshe Shelley; "La Belle Dame Sans Merci," John Keats; "Fair Inez," Thomas Hood; "Abou Ben Adhem," Leigh Hunt. college boys attended a dance at Rauscher's and a smoker at the Century Club. The clubs will give a concert in Pittsburg this evening jointly with the Yale musical clubs, and also will visit Cleveland, In-

Miss Withington read the first and Mr. A.
P. Clark the second of these poems.
Among those in attendance were: Mrs. B. R. Owens, Mrs. Parkes, Miss Fannie Bell, Mrs. F. Bronaugh, Mr. D. A. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Wycoff, Prof. and Mrs. Hayden, Mr. C. A. Metcalf, Miss Nellie Willis, Mrs. A. M. Hamilton, Mrs. Peacock, Miss Peacock, Mr. Drew, the Misses Strickier, Dr. and Mrs. Robinson and Miss Olivia Willock of Newport News, Va.

Miss Alice Judson III.

Miss Alice Judson last Monday returned home from the south, where she has been playing one-night stands with the DeWolf Hopper company in "El Capitan." Miss Judson was stricken with fever in Montgomery, Ala., and preferred returning to her home in this city rather than to go to a hospital. Her physician says she has suf-fered a physical collapse, due to the wear and tear of constant travel, which she was not able to stand.

Handle Bars Discussed. To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I am a bicycle rider; not a scorcher, no racer, but a mere every-day rider. I use the wheel as much in my daily duties as I do for pleasure, and I have ridden with both drop and upturn handles. In my opinion, the drop bar is far superior to the upturn. I can keep my wheel under control very nicely with the low bar and have never been a victim to an accident yet with it. But I find that the upturn nandies are very clumsy and awkward, not to say anyof the power lost by the high bar thing of the power lost by the high bar. 1 think the clause calling for the handles to be within four inches of the saddle level is unneeded, and that there will be no fewer accidents if this clause is enforced.

WALTER T. KETCHAM. December 21, 1897.

Well-Known Lutheran.

Tuesday afternoon at the First Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D.D., pastor, occurred the funeral of the late Rev. David A. Day, D.D., a missionary of the Lutheran Church to Muhlenberg, Liberia, Africa. The paster of the church is a member of the board of foreign mis sions, whose president, Rev. Luther Kuhlman of Frederick, Md., and secretary, Rev. Geo. Scholl, D.D., delivered the addresses Other members of the board participated

the services.
Although only in his forty-seventh year, Dr. Day was a veteran in the mission field. When but a young man of twenty-three years he began work at Muhlenberg, and was coming home to America to recuperate from the ravages of the dreadful Africar climate. His death occurred Friday last at sea, the vessel reaching New York Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Day was with he husband when he died.
Dr. Day was a man of strong common sense, of deep faith and great zeal for the missionary cause, and Lutherans generally feel a keen sense of loss at his death

After the services the remains were taken to Selin's Grove, Pa., for interment. Among the large number of clergymer present several were from Washington, namely Revs. Dr. S. Domer, Dr. J. G. Butler, D. E. Wiseman and C. H. Butler.

Mrs. Beiler Recovering.

Mrs. S. L. Beiler, special missionary to Alaska of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Sociefy of the Methodist Episcopal Church. who has been very ill with Yukon fever and rheumatism, is slowly recovering, but is yet unable to leave her bed.

CITY ITEMS.

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Curtiss of this city were members of the banjo and mandolin clubs, and Mr. E. C

Heald played the guitar accompaniment for

Mr. Jayne's songs in connection with Mr.

Paine of New York. After the concert the college boys attended a dance at Rauscher's

A Plea for Mechanics and Laborers

While all this talk of the department

clerks and their sick leave is going on, let

For my part, I don't see why one class

of government employes should get sick

leave and not another. All government em-

ployes should be treated alike. The aver-

age salary of a department clerk is,

think, about \$1,400 per year, while me-chanics average less than \$1,000 per year,

than that. Now, which is the least able to stand a siege of sickness? I think the sick

eave ought to be dropped or given to all. I don't know why they discriminate be-tween the department clerks and the me-

chanics and laborers in the bureau of en

graving and printing, navy yard and print

Maybe it is because they are laboring men. Well, a mechanic has to possess and use both brains and brawn for eight hours

per day, while a cierk is only required to use his brain for six hours per day, while some only sit with a pen behind their ear,

read the daily paper and look wise. Let us have justice for all and favors for none. December 22, 1897. MECHANIC.

Kindergarten Festival.

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To the Fditor of The Evening Star:

An Enjoyable Concert by the Glee, The Navy Yard Gunners Entertain Mandolin and Banjo Clubs. Their Friends. A most enjoyable evening was spent by A Christmas ball was given last night at those who attended the concert of the he navy yard by the naval gunners. The Princeton University Glee, Banjo and Man hall was decorated with American and dolin Clubs at the National Rifles' Hall foreign flags. Music was furnished by the last night. The music was of the enter Marine Band, and the grand promenade betaining style, characteristic of the gay, and gan at 9 o'clock, being led by Captain Penincluded temperament of youth, and to say le ton and Miss Ella Wagner. A banquet there was nothing dull or heavy in the was served at midnight. The following entire program, which, by the way, was a committees had the affair in charge: J. handsome specimen of the printer's art, Murray, president; H. Watson, vice presiand displayed a full length portrait of the dent; W. J. Drummond, secretary; A. J. Jochumsen, treasurer, floor committee, H. A. Nevins, C. J. Miller, F. E. Poole, L. F. Fay, T. J. Hurd, B. P. Donnelly, F. P. Chadwick, L. C. Hull and G. H. Platt; reception, R. M. O'Conner, J. H. Finn, J. Carmody, J. Kavanaugh, H. C. Richter, G. Child and F. G. Dondelly, R. R. C. Richter, G. Child and F. G. Dondelly, R. S. C. Richter, G. Child and F. G. Dondelly, R. S. C. Richter, G. Child and F. G. Dondelly, R. S. C. Richter, G. Child and F. G. Dondelly, R. S. C. Richter, G. Child and F. G. Dondelly, R. S. C. Richter, G. Richter, Princeton tiger, is only another way of saying that the college boys did not bore the audience. There seemed to be entire sympathy between the singers and those who came to hear them, and the attendance was large, and, while the applause ance was large, and, while the applause was generous, it was not given merely out of consideration for the good-looking men in evening dress who were banked up on the stage. The music was good, and the voices fresh and pleasing, while the banjos and mandolins were played with a degree of skill and precision, that were Carmody, J. Kavanaugh, H. C. Richter, G. Ollif and F. G. Davidson; arrangements, E. L. Comings, H. Winters, H. A. Hagan, A. S. Pearson, W. L. Brennan E. Kellenberger and P. J. Loughlin; sergeant-at-arms, W. J. Connell; assistant sergeant-at-arms, W. W. Reid; committee of decoration, B. Lipman, C. W. Trueworthy, R. Lawhon, R. C. Nevin, J. Cunio, J. P. Green and H. C. Johnson. banjos and mandoins were played with a degree of skill and precision that were highly commendable. A large proportion of the auditors were perhaps Princeton graduates, and they listened to the old, as well as the new, college songs with reminiscent emotions, as well as present appreciation. An undoubted source of inspiration to the college large with the college songs with the college so Vacancy Filled. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Second National Bank, held yesterday, spiration to the college boys were the young ladies who occupied the front rows of chairs in the hall and smiled encouragement and approbation. The young ladies were in evening dress, as were many in the audience, and in the intervals of the

numbers those who were giving the enter-tainment mingled with the entertained, so that in many respects the social phase of The fair which has been in progress for several weeks at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, of which Rev. A. W. Lee, he concert was the most delightful. In act, with the ushers and the members of D. D., is pastor, closed recently, having the college clubs and young college grad-uates, the concert, as a social affair pre-sented the anomalous condition of an abundance of young men. met with great success. The net gain was \$1,050. Many donations were received from prominent people. The officers were received from The Glee Club sang unaccompanied, and then again with the pleasant tinkling and plunk-plunk of the mandolins and banjos. There were mandolin selections and also those vhere the banjos were prominent, and, in addition, Mr. Jayne won much hearty applause and several encores by his rendition of negro dialect and topical songs. Besides the college music, there were medleys of popular songs and music, and when the performers had a mind to be serious they displayed musical feeling in the playing of selections from "The Serenade" and an arrangement from "Lucia di Lammermoor."

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